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Title : Need to implement the Mahajan Commission Report on inclusion of certain regions in Karnataka.

SHRI M. SHIVANNA (CHAMRAJANAGAR): Basco Mission started a Kannada school in Belgaum in the year 1838. If the language of Belgaum was Marathi, then they would have started a Marathi school. Long ago Rajaji was addressing a public meeting at Belgaum and his speech was translated into Kannada. Mr. Chikkodi, who translated his speech, was very much appreciated by Rajaji. He also said that Marathi people should learn Kannada and live with Kannada people in that area.

Dhar Committee, Vanchoo Committee and Congress J.V.P (Jawahar Lal, Vallabhai Patel and Pathabhi) Committee declared that Belgaum is an integral part of Karnataka.

Then, in the year 1995 Shri Fazal Alis Commission was constituted by the Centre. Hridayanath Kunjoor and Sardar K.M. Panicker were in the Commission. This Commission conducted a thorough study and examined thousands of evidences. They also gave the same opinion that Belgaum is an integral part of Karnataka.

Finally, Mahajan Commission gave its verdict. "Belgaum and Kasargod of Kerala should be in Karnataka", the Commission declared. The then Home Minister, Shri Guljarilal Nanda had given a firm assurance that Mahajan Commission's report would be implemented. I, therefore, request the Centre to implement the Mahajan Commission's Report in toto.

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* English translation of the speech originally delivered in Kannada.